GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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PENDING COMMERCIAL CASES
Nikhil Kumar Shri

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has proposed for setting up of high tech fast track commercial divisions in all High Courts across the country to dispose off high value commercial cases;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of high value commercial cases pending in each of the High Court as on January 31,2006; and

(d) the extent to which such cases would be disposed off in a time bound period after setting up of fast track commercial divisions?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Law Commission, in Chapter IX of its 188th Report made a proposal for Commercial Division in. the High Courts to deal with commercial cases of high value i.e. of Rs.1 crore or above as may be determined and ratified by the High Courts, and adoption of a fast track procedure in the proposed Commercial Divisions. The Law Commission had recommended that such a Bench may have two High Court Judges and depending upon the need there could be more than one such Bench in each High Court. In the said Report, the Law Commission had also proposed adoption of high-tech systems and on-line filing, etc. as part of the procedure for processing of the cases by the Commercial Divisions.

(c) & (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.